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TAGS: PFOR, BBAK, BDIS, EINV, NI, US

SUBJECT: LOCKHEED PAYOLA BACK IN THE HEADLINES

1. MAY 28 "NIGERIAN TRIBUNE" REPORTED THAT THE AMERICAN SECURITY AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION IS "LIKELY" TO PUBLISH THE NAMES OF RECIPIENTS OF LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT "BRIBES." PAPER SAID PUBLICATION WILL BE BASED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REPORTS WHICH LOCKHEED SUBMITTED TO THE EXCHANGE COMMISSION IN NEW YORK ON MAY 27. STORY RECALLED THAT NIGERIA IS AMONG COUNTRIES MENTIONED IN LOCKHEED SCANDAL AND THAT THE FMG HAD SET UP AN INQUIRY TO FIND OUT IF NIGERIANS WERE INVOLVED. "IN THE FINDINGS OF THE INQUIRY, FORMER HEAD OF STATE MR. YAKUBU GOWON, WAS SAID TO BE THE BRAIN BEHIND THE MESS. OTHERS MENTIONED ALONG WITH MR. GOWON WERE FORMER CHIEF OF AIR STAFF, COMMODORE IKNU, FORMER NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, ALBAJI SULE KOLO, A BUSINESSMAN ISYAKU IBRAHIN, FORMER PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM, MR. PHILLIP ASIODU."

2. "TRIBUNE" ARTICLE NOTES THAT THE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE USG AND FOREIGN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES "PROVIDED THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC ONLY THROUGH LEGAL PROCEEDINGS."

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3. COMMENT: PARA 3 OF AGREEMENT (76 STATE 96681) BETWEEN U.S. AND FMG STATES THAT INFORMATION OBTAINED UNDER TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT "SHALL BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PURPOSES OF INVESTIGATION... AND IN ENSUING CRIMINAL, CIVIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS." PARA 11, HOWEVER, STATES THAT "NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL LIMIT THE RIGHTS OF THE

PARTIES TO UTILIZE FOR ANY PURPOSE INFORMATION WHICH IS OBTAINED  
BY THE PARTIES INDEPENDENT OF THESE PROCEDURES."  
FOREGOING SEEMS INDICATE THAT SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
COULD RELEASE THE NAMES OF NIGERIANS ALLEGED TO BE INVOLVED  
IN THE PAYOLA WITHOUT REFERENCE TO FMG IF IT DEVELOPED INFORMATION  
INDEPENDENTLY. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENT ON THIS  
QUESTION AND ON WHETHER EXCHANGE COMMISSION LIKELY TO PUBLISH  
NAMES. RELEASE OF NAMES COULD BE HIGHLY EMBARRASSING TO FMG WHICH  
SEEMINGLY HAD DECIDED SWEEP ENTIRE MATTER UNDER RUG (76 LAGOS  
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